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SUBJECT: POLITICAL UPDATE: JULY 10, 2002

1. SUMMARY: IN PREPARATION FOR TOMORROW'S MARCH, MINISTER OF DEFENSE, LUCAS RINCON, ORDERED THE PRESENCE OF ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND SOLDIERS IN CARACAS, THE SOLDIERS ARE CURRENTLY IN FUERTE TIUNA. CARACAS MAYOR ALFREDO PENA, ADDRESSED THE OPPOSITION TO GRANT PERMISSION TO MARCH TO MIRAFLORES JULY 11.

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AS OF YESTERDAY, EX-PRESIDENT CARTER COMPLETED HIS VISIT AFTER MEETING WITH CHAVEZ, RANGEL AND CHADERTON AND REACHING AN AGREEMENT TO HAVE OUTSIDE ENTITIES, INCLUDING THE OAS AND UN, PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE. END SUMMARY

TROOPS ARRIVE FROM MARACAY TO CARACAS FOR JULY 11 MARCH

2. MINISTER OF DEFENSE RINCON ORDERED YESTERDAY, THE MOVEMENT OF ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND SOLDIERS FROM MARCAY TO FUERTE TIUNA TO PROTECT MIRAFLORES IF TOMORROW'S MARCH GETS OUT OF CONTROL AND VIOLENT, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS. THE PRESIDENT AND VICE- PRESIDENT OF THE DEFENSE COMMISSION, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, FRANCISCO AMELIACH AND NESTOR LEON HEREDIA AND DEPUTY PEDRO

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CARRENO CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF THE TROOPS. CARRENO ASSERTED THAT PLAN AVILA WOULD NOT BE UTILIZED UNLESS VALID THREATS TO SECURITY MAKE IT NECESSARY TO PUT IT INTO ACTION.

ALFREDO PENA GRANTS PERMISSION TO MARCH TO MIRAFLORES JULY 11

3. CARACAS MAYOR, ALFREDO PENA, DECLARED THAT THE ORGANIZERS OF TOMORROW'S MARCH HAVQPERMISSION FROM THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF CARACAS TO MARCH TO MIRAFLORES JULY 11, PENA ALSO QUESTIONED THE GOV'S PROPOSAL TO EMPLOY THE 1992 DECREE. AT A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF 15 CIVIL ORGANIZATIONS, PENA DECLINED THE OFFER TO LEAD TOMORROW'S MARCH, BECAUSE ACCORDING TO PENA, HIS JOB AS MAYOR IS TO REPRESENT ALL "CARAQUENOS" AND NOT JUST THE OPPOSITION OR THE GOV. PENA ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT 1,200 POLICE

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OFFICERS AND 300 FIREFIGHTERS WOULD BE ON STAND BY AT TOMORROW'S MARCH.

CARTER'S LAST VISIT WITH PRESIDENT CHAVEZ

4. EX-PRESIDENT CARTER MET WITH CHAVEZ, VP RANGEL, AND FM CHADERTON YESTERDAY FOR ABOUT FIVE HOURS IN WHICH ALL PARTIES AGREED TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE OAS, UN, EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE AND POSSIBLY FORMER PRESIDENT'S OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE. SPECIFICALLY, CARTER MENTIONED THAT THE GOV IS WILLING TO HAVE THE OAS SERVE AS TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR MEETINGS AND INTENDS TO ALLOW OTHER ENTITIES TO SERVE AS FACILITATORS, POSSIBLY A RELIGIOUS GROUP. OVERALL, CARTER FELT SATISFIED WITH HIS VISIT AND STATED THAT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IS ALIVE IN VENEZUELA.

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